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NASA SUN DAY  
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SWANSEA schoolchildren will join celebrations for NASA's Sun-Earth Day at Techniquest on Tuesday 18 March.

Pupils from Craig-y-Nos School will celebrate the third annual International Sun-Earth Day, which has been introduced by NASA to raise the profile of solar physics among the public.

During their visit to Techniquest, the pupils will take part in a Laboratory workshop to make working models that will show the relationship between the Earth and Moon as they orbit the Sun.

Teachers taking part in the workshop will also receive the free NASA information pack 'Exploring Sun-Earth Connections'.

Cath Winkler, Primary Schools Programme Manager at Techniquest said:

"As our nearest star, the Sun has an enormous impact on our life here on Earth, so it is great that Sun-Earth Day is bringing the importance of solar physics into the limelight.

"We are delighted to be able to celebrate the event at Techniquest. Our Lab workshop really allows pupils to get to grips with the relationship between the Sun, Earth and Moon and understand more about how our solar system works."

Each year, Sun-Earth Day focuses on a different topic. This year, the emphasis is on auroras, beautiful light displays that result from interaction between the Earth and Sun.

To find out more about Sun-Earth Day, visit the Sun-Earth Education Forum at [http:// sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov).